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1. Prior to 30 June 1949 the Betriebsschutz, industrial police, was run by the plant management and was composed of plant employees. It acted under the provisions of police law only within the plant area power. Effective 1 July 1949 the Betriebsschutz was reorganized and classified into category A and category B, by order of the then German Administration of the Interior, DVdI.
2. Betriebsschutz A was placed under the jurisdiction of the Volkspolizei and its members were taken into the Volkspolizei. The office for Betriebsschutz of the Safety Police Section of the Weissenfels Volkspolizei-Kreisamt, (VP county headquarters) (VPKA) was dissolved and the Betriebsschutz personnel directly assigned to the Safety Police Section. Members of Betriebsschutz A were paid by the Weissenfels VPKA. However, the plants had to pay a monthly sum of 522.30 eastmarks per Betriebsschutz policeman of category A to the Halle Landespolizei headquarters.
3. Betriebsschutz B still consisted of plant employees. Although they were armed and subject to directives by the Volkspolizei, the members of Betriebsschutz B did not wear VP uniforms. They were paid by the plant. [] a tendency has been observed in the Weissenfels county to transfer the Betriebsschutz personnel of category B to category A.
4. The following plants in the Weissenfels county were guarded by Betriebsschutz personnel of category A :
 - a. Grosskayna power plant : a nationalized enterprise with a labor force of 350; one leader and 5 police.
 - b. Deuben lignite mine, factory and power plant : a Soviet

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Corporation enterprise with a labor force of 4,000 to 5,000; one leader, one SED secretary, two investigators, three commanders of the guard and about 90 police. They had been transferred from category B into category A on 1 May 1950.

5. The following plants in the Weissenfels county were protected by Betriebsschutz personnel of category B :
- a. Grosskayna lignite mine and factory: a nationalized enterprise with a labor force of 2,000 to 2,500; fifteen police.
 - b. Webau/Gerstewitz oil, spirits and paraffin factory : a nationalized enterprise with a labor force of 1,000 to 1,200; fifteen police.
 - c. Wacklitz briquette factory : - 6 police
 - d. Koebsen lignite factory : - 6 police
 - e. Theissen lignite factory : a nationalized enterprise - 9 police
 - f. Weissenfels Elbwerke : a power plant with a labor force of 200;- 7 police.

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